



## Helen Zilke

September 28, 1916 - August 9, 2009

My beloved mother, Helen R. Zilke, surrounded by her family, went home to be with the Lord on August 9, 2009. Mom was born in Deer Park, WI to Albert and Ester Lang on September 28, 1916, and came to Wenatchee with her husband, Daniel Zilke in 1937. She gave birth to two daughters, Sonja M. Massingill of California and Nicole K. Wilson of Wenatchee. She has many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great - great - grandchildren. Mom has one half-brother, Al Lang, who lives in Minnesota, whom she shared many phone conversations with over the years. She worked for Safeway Produce and Buying for 35 years. She enjoyed her job and was enthusiastic about her work as she walked to and from each day. Traveling was one of the highlights of her life. Mom and I had such a fun and exciting trip to Canada. She also enjoyed traveling with my father and her close cousin, Irma. They went on cruises together and visited such places as Greece and Hawaii, but her favorite trip was when they would go on the Mississippi Queen. Throughout the years, Mom played many games of cards and shared an abundance of laughs with dear friends, one in particular was like a sister, Elsie. Joining her for the past seven years, was her companion, Walt Vanderwood. They experienced new adventures together and many nights of playing cards with family and friends.

A special thanks to Dr. Voorhies and his staff, along with all the caring help my mother received from Hospice, and the special people who came from Healthy Options. My mom was truly appreciative and her family will be forever

grateful, also. In addition, I want to thank Chaplain Scott, for all his heartfelt concern and prayers.

As requested, an Intimate Family Gathering will be held to Celebrate her Life. My mother was the most precious person to me; we were as one. I am so thankful I got to spend my life with her. She has left me with so many beautiful memories. I know one day, we will be together. Your loving daughter, Nicki.